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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT 16.11.2012**

**HOOPTIME FINALS**

Our Year 5/6 children, the Upwey Unicorns team members who qualified for the finals in the Future Stars competition earlier in the year, competed at **Dandenong Stadium** on Thursday this week. The team tried very hard but they were defeated by superior opposition. Congratulations to the children on making the finals and to Sue L & Hayley W for supervising/coaching and supporting the children so well.

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1/2E Dylan
For a commitment to improve the quality of his handwriting. Excellent concentration during ‘Positive Thoughts’ writing.

1/2E Ryen
For a wonderful improvement in her handwriting this term, particularly in her ‘Positive Thoughts; writing

1/2E Michael
For exceptional work with “Toe by Toe”.

3/4/5G P.E. Award
Jack
For achieving the highest run score during the Continuous Cricket Game.

Principal’s Award

3/4/5G P.E. Award
Holly
For displaying excellent hitting and bowling skills during the P.E. skills session.

Principal’s Award

3/4/5G
Hannah
For completing her homework 23 weeks in a row.

Great Effort!

P.A. News

Upcoming events
UDEC: Wednesday 21st Nov, 1pm Cooking curries, Please come along and Enjoy the aromas and maybe help too!

Bunnings BBQ – 1st December, Roster has been sent home. If you can spare an hour, that would be great.

Disco:
Friday 7th December 5.30—7pm Prep to 2
7.15—9pm 3-
6

Book Club:
Issue 8 is our last issue for this year. Orders are due back by 30th Nov. Please mark clearly if you would like us to hold on to them.

The Shopping Tour was a great success and we have decided that we had so much fun, we’re going to do it again in 2013

ART IN THE HILLS – Next Wednesday! We would love all children and parents to attend.

Art in the Hills, presented by UDEC (Upwey District Education Cluster), is less than a week away and will be held on Wednesday 21st November as a way of showcasing art work and performing arts from schools in the local area.

Upwey High, Upwey Primary School, Upwey South PS, Belgrave South PS, Tecoma PS, Ferny Creek PS and Upper Ferntree Gully PS are the schools involved.

Parents, relatives and friends are invited to attend the evening of musical entertainment and view the wonderful art work of local schools. We would like as many Upwey Primary School children participating as possible.

A reminder to everyone that all our children attending are to be in school uniform.

Our PA/Fundraising committee will be setting up a food stall so that visitors may enjoy a light meal. A variety of food, drinks and ice-creams will be available on the evening; so come along, enjoy the food available and soak up the atmosphere. Our Prep-2 children will be performing at about 5:30 pm and the Year 3-6 children will perform at about 7:15 pm.

The whole event will be held from 4:30 – 7:30 pm in the grounds of Upwey High School and Upwey Primary School. Musical performances will be performed on the outdoor stage in front of the Aurora Centre and school fine arts work will be displayed in the Upwey Primary School Hall.

See you on Wednesday evening. A flyer giving details is being distributed with the newsletter.
NO MONDAY ASSEMBLY NEXT WEEK
Due to the arrival of all the display boards in preparation for the display of art work in our Howarth Hall for “Art In The Hills”, we will be unable to have a school assembly next week (Monday 19th November). Awards will be held over until the following week.

IN SCHOOLS MUSIC PROGRAM – BAND WORKSHOP AT UPWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
Andrew McAlister will be running a workshop for many children from local schools in our Multi-Purpose Room (BASC & Music & Student Kitchens) on Monday 19th November. Children who participate in the In Schools Music Program will be involved in the activity. We have several children in the “Hot Cross Band” workshop including Luke M, Rhiannon M, Marshall B, Hannah B, Imogen M & Caitlin S. Some children will take on leadership positions and others performing with the instruments they learn on a weekly basis.

SHOPPING TOUR
Great to hear that the PA/Fundraising Committee’s Shopping Tour was so successful, especially for all the outlets who were the beneficiaries of all the spending!! I hope all those involved had a terrific time and did not max out their credit cards. Thanks to the PA/Fundraising for organising the event which allowed so many bargains to be found.

LOCAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE
As an extracurricular activity local schools from the Upwey District Education Community have been accepted for involvement in a Student Leadership Workshop to enhance leadership capabilities. Funding support has been achieved through the Shire’s School Focussed Youth Services group and will involve children with leadership potential learning regarding student voice and contributing to the community. The workshop will involve selected Year 5 children (Year 6 in 2013) from local primary schools and Year 9 (Year 10 in 2013) children from Upwey High School who have undergone Peer Support Training. The workshop will be held at Upwey High on Tuesday 4th December with approximately 8 Upwey Primary School children to be selected to attend. The group attending will be selected by staff and peers.

EMA & SCHOOL START BONUS CHANGES
An information sheet outlining changes to the EMA and the abolishment of the School Start Bonus (Year Prep and Year 7) students is being distributed with the newsletter this week. Please be aware and note these changes.

SCHOOL COUNCIL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY 12th NOVEMBER
Our School Council Meeting was held on Monday 12th November at 7:30 pm.
We discussed many important issues and passed several resolutions including:
- Viewed the draft of our new upgraded Upwey PS Web Page, which is due for introduction in 2013
- Voting to maintain the Upwey PS Co-operative (With the thought of a developing a new project for the group. The original project loan for the Red & Green Playground/Shade Sail along with the air conditioners in all classrooms has now been paid off.)
- We looked at the excellent results in the Parent Opinion Survey
- Approved spending on improved data cabling for our computers (Admin Building & Senior Classroom)
- Approved spending for fencing on our western boundary to be replaced
- We de-briefed the School Production of Superkids & venue viability
- Viewed our Financial Summaries

SCHOOL CO-OPERATIVE
UPWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL CO-OPERATIVE LTD AGM MEETING
Our AGM for the Upwey Co-op was held on Tuesday 13th November at 7:00 pm in the staffroom. Many past parents who are shareholders attended and it was great to see some “old” faces. The current shareholders consider that new shareholders will take over their positions in the near future if a new project becomes a priority.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

LIBRARY BOOKS
Jenny M is planning to complete a Library Stocktake before the end of term and is requesting all books be returned by Friday 30th November. No new borrowing will occur in that week or after this time. Please get those books back to make the job easier for our volunteer staff.

COOL TO GO TO SCHOOL – PRE SCHOOL TRANSITION PROGRAM
Prep children enrolled for 2013 will be invited to participate in the final “Cool To Go to School” sessions to be held on Friday 30th November and Friday 7th December from 9-10 am. The first two sessions have been extremely successful and we are looking forward to the children becoming more confident with coming to school.

PREP INFORMATION EVENING – WEDNESDAY 5th DECEMBER
The Prep Information Evening for parents of Prep enrolled students in 2013 will be held on Wednesday 5th December from 7:00 until 8:00 pm. Mr Aspinall and Mrs Hickey will run the program and parents are invited to bring their children to attend a special After School Care Program, if they wish, with our co-ordinator Sam Carey during this time. The evening presentation will be for parents only and children are not to attend this session. Please contact the office to book for the program. Separate invitations providing full details have been distributed to Prep parents by mail today.

MOVEMBER
Thanks to Kelly W for donating a quilt, supporting Mr Gallagher’s fundraising for Movember. The patchwork quilt will be raffled and tickets are available at the office for staff and anyone who wishes to support the cause regarding Men’s Health. His moustache continues to grow well!

CHRISTMAS BREAK UP CONCERT FOR CRE
All children involved in the CRE (Christian Religious Education) program will be invited to attend the annual Christmas Concert/Break Up to be held on Thursday 6th December from 12:00 until 1:00 pm at the Upwey Community Baptist Church Hall.

GRASSROOTS MARKET
The Grassroots Market will be held behind the Upwey Shops tomorrow, Saturday 17th November. Please support the local groups if you are able to attend.

APPRECIATION
WELFARE ROOM IMPROVEMENT
Jenny M is completing an amazing mural of a tree in our Interview Room; soon to become Welfare room. Thanks for your time and effort; this involvement is much appreciated.
What is on our school yard?

At the moment, the one and only survivor of a mass planting of Grass leaf trigger plants is flowering in our school. It is pollinated when an insect sipping from its nectar gets hit on its back by the ‘trigger’ and then flies merrily on to the next plant. A lot of fun when out in the bush at this time of year, as it is possible to set off the triggers yourself with a very fine piece of grass.

Upwey Scouts on the fundraising trail(er)

16 adventurous members of 1st Upwey Scouts will be heading to Maryborough in Queensland at the beginning of January to join 11,500 Scouts from across Australia and the World who will be attending the 23rd Australian Scout Jamboree.

Many fundraising events have already been held to help cover the cost of this exciting trip. In a final push a grand Christmas raffle will be held where the star prize is a 6x4 trailer complete with cage, kindly donated by Michael’s Trailers of Healesville. The Scouts are also busy doing bob-a-jobs to help with all those spring cleaning tasks around the house and garden that you have been putting off. Despite inflation this assistance is still a bargain at $15 per hour. So now is the time to get that garden raked, that wood chopped, those windows cleaned and that shed sorted out.

MOWING & CLEARING
Thanks heaps to David M and Mr G for tidying up our yard recently by mowing and chopping up the large fallen branch on the slope area. Your commitment is valued. Thanks also to Grade 5/6R for assisting with the clean up by moving several branches. The whole school also assisted during Care Groups today by completing an “Emu Hunt” where they located and disposed of rubbish.

FRIDAY FUNNY
Puns- Punography - wordplay to make you smile---clever and funny

I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me. (One for Mr G in Movember!)

Malcolm Aspinall - Principal
Crafts 4 Kids

Only 6 1/2 weeks until Christmas are you ready?

Crafts4kids has a great selection of gift ideas starting from $3 for sale in the glass display case in the office.

We not only have craft packs we now have a new range which includes handmade jewellery.

www.craftpacks4kids.com.au

To see more, please visit the website:
www.craftpacks4kids.com.au
Please support the people who support us!

KARATE CLASSES HERE
AT UPWEY P.S.
(Loong Fu Pai Martial Arts Academy – established since 1981)

*** Weekly Karate & Kickboxing Classes at THIS SCHOOL
*** KARATE (All Ages) on Friday 7.00pm
*** KICKBOXING (12 years & Above) on Monday 7.30pm
*** Karate teaches Strong Discipline of Body & Mind; learn Self Defence & Awareness; improves Fitness & Co-ordination; boost Confidence.
*** Pay As You Go or Monthly or School Term.
*** No Contract to sign.

For details about our organization, please log onto
www.LFP.com.au
(FIRST LESSON IS ABSOLUTELY FREE)

If you need further details, please call 9759.7187 or 0418.809808

Movember

For a third year a row
Mr G is taking part in
MOVEMBER

Kelly W has donated another lovely quilt to be raffled for MOVEMBER, You can purchase the tickets from the school office.
Tickets are 50c each.

Here is a link to a heap of logos and pics.
http://au.movember.com/mospace/downloads/

If you would like to help Mr G, a donation box is available at the school office.
If you require a receipt, please contact Mr G.
## Term 4, 2012 - Upwey Primary School

### Week 6
- **12th Nov**: School Council Meeting<br>- **13th Nov**: Co-Op Meeting<br>- **14th Nov**: Hoopetime Regional Finals<br>- **15th Nov**: Free Friday Breakfast 8.30am - 8.45am<br>- **16th Nov**: Gardening club<br>

### Week 7
- **19th Nov**: Gardening club<br>- **20th Nov**: Sanctuary Walk<br>- **21st Nov**: 16th Nov - 23rd Nov<br>- **22nd Nov**: Sam M<br>- **23rd Nov**: Tiana<br>- **23rd Nov**: Karma<br>- **23rd Nov**: Ruby & Violet<br>

### Week 8
- **26th Nov**: Gardening club<br>- **27th Nov**: Sanctuary Walk<br>- **28th Nov**: We can help! Depending on your situation and our available funds, we may provide the following: Food/food vouchers, Clothing vouchers, Payment of prescriptions, Emergency Met cards, Crisis counselling, Payment of small essential bills, Repair/replacement of household goods, Support, advocacy and referrals. You do not need to be a centrelink recipient to receive help<br>- **29th Nov**: WE ALSO NEED YOUR HELP. If you can donate for our Giving Tree please drop of any items (unwrapped) at our school or Belgrave Library. Thank you<br>- **30th Nov**: 30-Nov<br>

### Week 9
- **3rd Dec**: Gardening club<br>- **4th Dec**: Sanctuary Walk<br>- **5th Dec**: Prep Transition Free Friday Breakfast 8.30am - 8.45am<br>- **6th Dec**: Prep Transition<br>- **7-Dec**: UDEC "Art in the Hills" 4.30 to 7.30<br>

### Week 10
- **10th Dec**: Gardening club<br>- **11th Dec**: Sanctuary Walk<br>- **12th Dec**: Prep Transition Free Friday Breakfast 8.30am - 8.45am<br>- **13th Dec**: Preop Transition<br>- **14th Dec**: School Council Meeting & Dinner<br>- **12th Dec**: Year 6 Orientation<br>- **13th Dec**: 7-Dec<br>

### Week 11
- **17th Dec**: Year 6 Graduation<br>- **18th Dec**: Marybrooke<br>- **19th Dec**: Free Friday Breakfast<br>- **20th Dec**: Gardening club<br>- **21st Dec**: Free Friday Breakfast<br>- **21st Dec**: 21st Dec<br>

**CAN WE HELP YOU?**
Dandenong Ranges Emergency Relief 1632 Burwood Hwy, Belgrave

We can help!
Depending on your situation and our available funds, we may provide the following:
- Food/food vouchers
- Clothing vouchers
- Payment of prescriptions
- Emergency Met cards
- Crisis counselling
- Payment of small essential bills
- Repair/replacement of household goods
- Support, advocacy and referrals.

You do not need to be a centrelink recipient to receive help.

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**Happy Birthday**
**To our Staff & students**
16th Nov - 23rd Nov
Sam M
Tiana
Karma
Ruby & Violet

**BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE: SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER**
(WHOOPS! NOT THE 11TH)
**CAN YOU SPARE AN HOUR OR TWO? WE'D LOVE YOUR HELP!**

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